

## PROTECTS THE POLICY-HOLDERS OF THE SOUTHERN LIFE

The Jefferson Standard Life Insurance Company Comes to Their Rescue.

Fayetteville, N. C., March 31, 1909. Today was consummated one of the most important deals that has ever occurred in the annals of Southern insurance. The Jefferson Standard Life Insurance Company of Raleigh, N. C., came to the rescue of the policy holders of the Southern Life Insurance Company of Fayetteville, and guaranteed to them that their insurance would be protected by the large assets of the Jefferson. It has been known for some time that the Southern Life would re-insure its policies, several flattering offers were made by large companies throughout the country to obtain this business, but the directors of the company, looking to the interests of the policy holders, and knowing the strength and standing of the Jefferson, selected it, after mature deliberation.

In effecting this re-insurance and protecting the policy holders, the Jefferson Standard Life Insurance is in no way directly or indirectly connected with any transaction of the Southern Life. The policy holders of the Southern Life Insurance Company are to be congratulated upon their good fortune in having their life insurance policies guaranteed by the Jefferson, which is one of the strongest, if not the strongest life insurance company south of the Mason and Dixon Line, and one of the strongest holders of newly half a million dollars. It is well managed, conservative, and is backed by some of the most prominent financiers in the South.

The officers of the Jefferson are Joseph G. Brown, president; P. D. Gold, Jr., first vice-president and general manager; Chas. W. Gold, secretary and superintendent of agencies; Chas. W. Gamwell, actuary; Ex-Governor Chas. B. Aycock and Judge R. W. Winston were special counsel for the Jefferson in making the transfer of the business. The re-insurance agreement was fully approved by James R. Young, Insurance Commissioner of North Carolina.

### THE WATCHDOG.

The statesman wears a look most wise; "We must," he cries, "economize!"

He placidly admits a few Appropriations should go through. For sums that seem amazing great. To benefit his own dear State. But when his millions he has gained He wears a look exceeding pained That some hard working clerk should seek

A raise of five or ten per week Or that some town, outside the fence That bounds his sway, should make pretense With an ambition strangely rash, To anything that looks like cash.

No wonder that he seems so wise When'er he cries "Economize!" —Washington Star.

### Wise Sayings.

Drink deep or taste not the pierian spring. A kindness done to the good is never lost. All is best that is poured into a riven dish.

Associate with the lame and you will learn to limp. Let it be a rule of the store that nothing shall go to waste.

It is hard to keep up appearances and save up money simultaneously. A woman is never so homely but you may truthfully compliment her. Think right if you would walk right. So. 15-'09.

Turn failure in victory; Don't let your courage fade; And if you get a lemon Just make a lemonade.

### SISTER'S TRICK

But it all Came Out Right.

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"I was a coffee fiend—a trembling, nervous, physical wreck, yet clinging to the poison that stole away my strength. I mocked at Postum and would have none of it.

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## THE PULPIT.

A SCHOLARLY SUNDAY SERMON BY DEAN HODGES.

Theme: Defense of the Faith.

Brooklyn, N. Y.—Sunday evening, at Holy Trinity P. E. Church, the Very Rev. George Hodges, dean of the Cambridge Theological School, delivered a lecture on the early church. The subject was "The Defense of the Faith." Dean Hodges said:

The first antagonist of the faith was prejudice, crowned in ignorance, growing up into contempt and then into hatred, and resulting in prejudice whereby the Christians were accused of atheism and sedition, and of immorality. Of atheism, because they had no images in their sanctuaries and because they worshipped in a fashion unknown among the religious of their time; of sedition because they refused to acknowledge the divinity of the Roman Empire; and of immorality because they held secret meetings, and not knowing what took place at these meetings, everybody might guess what he chose—and the mind of man is so constituted that under such circumstances some people will guess very unpleasant things. So, by virtue of ignorance, in almost entire absence of facts, there grew up around the Christians a thick atmosphere of prejudice. It is astonishing, remembering all that afterward happened, that Christianity should have existed for one or two centuries almost unnoticed, and then only with derision and antagonism. There was Lucian the satirist, who makes one of his characters, Perigrinus, profess to be a Christian, and when he is put in prison is visited by prominent Christians, who reverence him because he is in danger of martyrdom, and then says of them: "These misguided creatures have so persuaded themselves that they are going to live forever that they have lost all fear of death," and he says, again, that "they have been taught by their Master that they are all brothers, and they love one another in an amazing manner." It is a friendly comment, but mingled with contempt. There was Celsus, the critic, who wrote a long and substantial book against the Christian religion, in which he declared it first on the ground of history. He says it is not historical because it is filled with accounts of miracles, and miracles cannot happen; and so he begins with the virgin birth and the resurrection, and discredits miracles, which he says Christ was able to do by means of tricks He learned in Egypt. And, second, of philosophy. He says the incarnation is impossible because God is intangible, and unnecessary because God is good. It is absurd, he says, to think that God cares for any little company of people and services on this planet, and he praises the Greeks, who put their trust in reason over against the Christians, who put their trust in faith.

There was Marcus Aurelius, emperor, philosopher, moralist, the one man in the pagan world whom we would have said beforehand would have appreciated the Christian religion and would have gone out to meet it. He views them with a far-off contempt and refers with some derision to the alacrity with which Christians go to martyrdom. This religion, which within a few centuries was to take possession of the Roman world, which was to be the most notable fact in the history of the race, began in obscurity, an obscurity amazing to us. When Christianity came to be a little known there came in its defense against its antagonists the Apologists, chief of whom was Justin Martyr. Born at Sychar, in Palestine, of pagan parentage, at an early age Justin devoted himself to philosophy. In his desire to learn the relation between God and the world, he in turn sought this knowledge from the Stoics, the peripatetics and the Pythagorians, and finally turned to Christianity and died martyr at Rome. From some writings of his we learn that in the middle of the second century the Christians had no creed and no recitation of the creed, and no formulation of the truths of their religion. Justin made some inferences from the Bible in the direction of faith. He laid great stress upon the argument from prophecy, and had much to say about devils, with whom he identifies the gods of the Pagan world, and he believed in a literal millenium. There was a lack of order and formality in the church, but they took collections, he says, and describes a service at which there was a reading of the Bible, a long prayer, a hymn and a sacramental feast of bread and wine.

The second antagonist of the Christian faith was Heresy. The time came when men of education and learning began to be attracted toward the Christian religion, and there was a natural desire on the part of Christian teachers to prove the Christian religion to those persons, to make it reasonable to their cultivated minds, and the result was sometimes heresy. Heresy, I suppose, is almost always the result of that kind of purpose. These heretics were the Gnostics, whose aim it was to make some kind of a combination between Christian truth and the other kinds of truths floating about in the minds of men. Gnostics found two great difficulties in religion: One, the difficulty of reconciling the New Testament with the Old Testament, partly on the ground of morality, which is taught from so much higher a plane in the New Testament than in the Old Testament, the difficulty emphasized by the teaching of St. Paul, wherein he seemed to set a new system of grace over against the old system of works. How to reconcile these discrepancies between the Old and New Testaments perplexed them. And the other perplexity was, how to reconcile the bad world with the good and mighty God. These they met with a series of propositions.

They said there are two antagonistic facts: There is matter which is essentially evil, and there is a spirit which is essentially divine. They also said, "There are two worlds: the lower world, in which we live, clothed in matter, and thereby having our spirit hindered by this environment of evil; and a higher world, where God dwells, remotely distant

and having between Him and us a long series of spiritual beings, emanations from Him, called aeons, and at the end of this long line of aeons reaching down is the Demiurge, a pretty poor kind of aeon." The Demiurge was the maker of the world, and he was responsible for all this evil matter, and the Demiurge was the God of the Old Testament. Everything that takes place in the Old Testament is under the control of the Demiurge, not of the Supreme God, and we may deal with it with all the freedom we like. The Supreme Aeon, they said, was the Christ who came to redeem man from the tyranny of the Demiurge; and Christ redeemed man, not by the sacrifice of His death upon the cross, because, matter being evil, Christ had no body. That was only an appearance. There was no incarnation, no resurrection, or any of the rest of it. He saves man, not by the death of the cross, but by illumination, by the shining in of His Spirit upon the spirit of man.

The third antagonist of the faith was Competition. There came into existence two great new religions, on the one side the religion of Plato (a revival of philosophy), and on the other side the religion of Mithras (a revival of Paganism). These came in the way of a revolt from the prosaic religion of the Roman Empire. It had in it no emotion. It was a bare contract between man and God, wherein man said, up and down, "I will give you a certain amount of ritual if you will give me a corresponding amount of protection." It had in it no sense of mystery. It was just as commonplace as the morality. Now, the world was longing for some appeal to emotion, for some satisfaction of its sense of mystery, and these two religions came at the place to do that work. Neoplatonism, a revival of philosophy, found its exponent in Plotinus. From fragments of books he wrote we get some idea how he tried to bind together all the truth there was into one system, except the truth of Christianity.

And then opposed to Neoplatonism was an ideal, an ideal and not a person. Mithraism was the most formidable competitor that Christianity ever had. It seemed at one time as if it were likely to become the religion of Europe. It entered very little into literature, and scarcely anything was known about it until men began to study the ruins of Mithraic shrines and read the inscriptions and gradually to find how far spread it was and what it meant. It came from Persia and its supreme god was Mithras, who was the representative of the invisible and eternal deity behind and the mediator between Him and us. He was supernaturally born, and His first appearance was to shepherds. He fought with a wild boar that was ravaging the country which He killed whose blood became a vine and whose marrow sown in the earth became the wheat. After His victorious battle He dined with the sun. He was to come again in a second advent and hold a general judgment of all mankind in which the good went one way and the bad another—into heaven or hell. They had a baptism of blood and water for newness of life followed by a sealing anointing of confirmation, and after that a holy communion of bread and wine. They had sanctuaries in which liturgies were chanted by vested priests ministering at altars adorned with lights.

This day on which we meet is called Sunday because of Mithras. When Constantine gave out his edict in the days when the empire became Christian he decreed that the first day of the week should be kept as a day of rest and they called it by its Mithraic name, the venerable day of the sun. Why is Christmas kept on the twenty-fifth of December? Nobody knows when our Lord was born. Even the season of the year has totally departed from the memory of man. The only indications of the time of year point to the summer when the shepherds were abiding in the fields. Christmas is kept on the twenty-fifth of December because it was Mithras' birthday.

That was Mithras' birthday kept as a day of rejoicing among the votaries of this religion scattered all over from the desert of Sahara to the glens of Scotland, where shrines of Mithra have been found. When Christianity became victorious over this religion he found it wise to say to the converts, "Keep on with your domestic rejoicing on December 25, but do all these joyful things in remembrance of Jesus Christ, our Saviour." The essential defect, however, in this religion of Mithra was that there was no Mithra; he was only a Mith. Nosticism was founded on an idea; not a person. Mithraism was founded on allegory, not a person. But the human soul cries out for some manifestation of God in the form of actual, historic personality.

There were the four men who defended the faith pre-eminently in the second and fourth centuries: Justin, the apologist; Irenaeus, the theologian; Clement, the instructor, and Origen, the commentator. These were the men who defended the faith against the three agnostics—prejudice, heresy and competition.

### A Prayer.

Our Heavenly Father and truest Friend, who hast so loved and saved us, the thought of Whom is sweet and always growing sweeter, come and dwell in our hearts; then Thou wilt keep watch on our lips, our deeds, and we shall not need to be anxious either for our souls or our bodies. Give us charity, sweetest of all gifts, which knows no enemy. Give us in our hearts pure love, born of Thy love to us, that we may love others as Thou lovest. Loving Father of Jesus Christ, from Whom floweth all love, let our hearts, frozen in sin, cold to Thee and cold to others, be warmed by this divine fire. So help and bless us through Christ, Thy Son.

### The Lord's Mandate.

"The White Man's Burden" in its highest and noblest aspect is, surely, the duty that our Lord has committed to us of evangelizing the world. The time—"the set time"—for doing this has come. Happy are they who can discern the times, and respond to the call of God and man. Blessed are they who sow beside all waters.—Rev. F. W. Macdonald.

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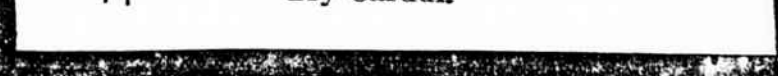
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